

William Allen (#629) of East Lansing, Mich., offers the following comment regarding the October Perfin Cover of the Month:

"1. The cover left England as a SASE for a return of something - apparently the clerk was not aware the original was going out of the country.

"2. The receiver in S. Rhodesia utilized the SASE thinking it was proper.

"3. The S. Rhodesia post office did not recognize the stamp and so indicated by the manuscript "T" (the UPU marking for postage due) and cancelled the mail - not the stamp - to show country of origin.

"4. When the mail got to England the postage due clerk, seeing the English postage stamp on the envelope and NOT cancelled, sent the mail on as paid (by the appearance of the English stamp).

"5. So the English post office cancelled the letter and processed it.

"6. This is a not common (nor rare) practice, especially when the countries are border ones - in this case with the countries being in the Commonwealth or colony family. I'm sure many such examples exist. I have such items from Canada to U.S. bearing U.S. stamps (not cancelled) plus Canada postage due markings. This is not diplomatic mail, in my opinion."

Bill's theory sounds quite plausible and the editor is prepared to accept it and close the matter - unless some other member wants to write in with a different view.